

Communication Report March 4, 2021



Forward Looking...

- March 10 and April 7 – Vaccination dates for those interested
- Face masks still required on campus after vaccination, remain relatively virtual through the Spring semester.
- April 8 – Post-vaccination process we will be moving to an increased presence of employees on campus

Faculty Senate commenced at 3:45pm, with approval of February 18 minutes approved with amendments

Announcements-

- Interim Provost Greg Russell announced in the MSU March 2 LiveStream event his retirement effective June 30. Citing the difficulty in conducting a national search, Dr. Morgan stated that he is forming a search committee for an internal search. Details of the job advertisement will be posted in March (as of 3.13.21, no job advertisement was listed in Human Resources for this position) and interviews will begin in April. Faculty Senate Governance committee generated, and sent through Dr. Grupe, a list of faculty volunteering for inclusion to search committee.



- FS President-Elect Dr. Edna Schack announced her retirement effective May 1. This created a leadership vacancy which was addressed in this Faculty Senate meeting through a President-Elect election among eligible Executive Council members. Dr. Patricia Harrelson was elected as the 2021-22 President-Elect.
- As requested by a Senator, President Grupe will send Communications Report and

approved minutes to all faculty via Blackboard communications. Please check with constituents that they are receiving the report as it may sort to spam, junk, or clutter folders.

- Provost stated in March 2 LiveStream that Spring 2021 commencement will be held IN-PERSON, May 8. More details will be available after graduates declare their ceremony participation. At this time, it is anticipated to be held at Jayne Stadium, graduates on the track or field and audience in bleachers. Attendance will be limited to two tickets per graduate.
- Families First Coronavirus Response Act expired on December 31, 2020, but Morehead State University is supporting this specific provision through April 30, 2021 (email from February 23).
- Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter schedules have been approved through Registration Advisory committee for the [next three academic years](#). The schedule for Spring will begin the Tuesday following Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and end with finals week the second week of May. A Spring Break week is planned mid-March. Fall semester will begin the second week of August and end with finals the second week of December. A Fall Break is planned Thursday and Friday, second week of October.
- As a result of outreach and partnership from St. Claire, COVID-19 vaccinations for MSU employees available as first dose March 10 and second April 07 at St. Claire pavilion. Thank you to our St. Claire providers and Dr. Will Melahn for arranging a vaccine clinic for MSU employees.
- SOAR on April 15/16 and virtual SOAR on April 23.



President's Report- No Report

Provost's Report- No Report

Regent Report:

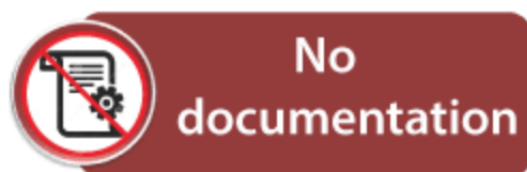
- **Next Board meeting:** March 25, 2021, Mt. Sterling Campus
- **Faculty numbers** (IR count from early February):
 - Tenured and Tenure Track Faculty – Total 210 (76 professors, 91 assoc. professors, 43 asst. professors)
 - Non-Tenure Track Faculty – Total 100 (16 VAPs, 84 instructors)
 - Total Full-time Faculty – 310
 - ****NOTE:** This differs from September FS reporting tenured/tenure-track TOTAL 186 (62 professors, 85 assoc. professors, 39 asst. professors) and non-tenure track TOTAL 103 (13 VAPs, 90 instructors). Email requesting clarification of differing numbers was sent to Courtney Andrews (2.25.21, 3.13.21); no response yet received.
- **Clarification of stimulus funding.**

I was contacted by a number of faculty about this recent story. Here are the particulars, as explained to me by Dr. Morgan:

 - There have been **two major rounds** of stimulus funding
 - **ROUND ONE:** \$6m in CARES funding (had \$3m for students and \$3m for the institution)
 - **ROUND TWO:** \$11.1m from a January appropriation (has \$3m for students and \$8.1m for the institution)
 - Each major round designated funds that could only be used for students and funds that could be used by the institution
- Not all stimulus funds come directly from major federal legislation. Our latest sum total includes “smaller buckets of stimulus funds that have flowed to use through other sources”
- Ms. Fister-Tucker is preparing an overview of stimulus fund use to give to the BOR in March. This should explain/answer questions for the BOR.
- the “breakdown” I offered at the last Senate meeting was a proposed breakdown of the institutional portion of ROUND TWO of our stimulus funding (\$8.1m of the general \$11m lump sum)

Administrative Feedback on Faculty Senate Actions:

- FYS committee proposal update: take out consultants as committee members; Motion carried by FS
- Resolutions of Student Evaluations: needs rewrite of Pac-35 and addressed through the departmental FEPs; Harrelson and FWC in progress with SGA to address issue
- Resolution on Teaching Modalities: comment from Provost to add “in conjunction with department chairs/associate deans”; Motion carried by FS
- As previously reported in Feb CR, the Ad Hoc committees on Faculty 180 and Celebration of Student Scholarship have been selected and have provided timelines, committee purpose.
 - Senators Sherry Stultz and Sherif Rashad reported about Celebration: The committee has met once, still considering a platform for posters, plans are underway to hold Celebration April 24 with both synchronous and asynchronous options and judging. Faculty should expect an announcement soon with poster information and requesting delivery for poster and abstracts.
- [Ad Hoc Committee on Assessments](#) is administratively managed by Dr. Shannon Harr. It is not known how many years faculty or staff may have served on these ad hoc committees, how they were selected, or the reporting (other than information may be prepared for SACSCOC). A Resources link to this page provides links to a long list of documents; one document, the **committee structure**, is dated from 2017-2018, although Senator Graves noted, “it’s considered ad hoc, but we’re asked to be on it every year.” **Committee Membership** returns to the link with listing of members. ****NOTE:** No committee descriptions, purpose, timeline, or selection process indicating any participation in shared governance is listed.
- As part of the ad hoc assessment committee discussion, it was discovered that at least one date had been set for the SACSCOC virtual visit: April 4, 2021.



Committee Reports:

Executive Council- An election among Julia Finch, Patricia Harrelson, and Kouroush Jenab was held to determine the Faculty Senate President-Elect 2021-22. Dr. Patricia Harrelson was elected by majority of Faculty Senate to serve as President 2021-22. She will take office on or prior to August 15, 2021.

Academic Issues- No report

Evaluation- No report

Faculty Welfare and Concerns- No report

Governance- No report

General Education Council Report

Senator Schack reported that Honors courses and MSUTeach 250 can be considered for general education assessment data. The GEC will be looking at FYS in May. There is discussion about changing that committee structure. ****NOTE:** Provost has brought several revisions to Governance for the FS approved FYS committee description. After each revision has been addressed, more are voiced from Provost. No other address of revisions has been brought to Governance.

Staff Congress' Report

Chair Savard-Hogge announced that she and President Grupe would be addressing the MSU AAUP chapter at its March 16 meeting. The topic will be shared governance initiatives at MSU.

SGA Report



- SGA is partnering with [Fuzzy Duck](#) for “Get Moving Mondays,” details are TBA

Questions and Answers:

Senator Sharp brought attention to the number of dogs on MSU campus and the fact that dog waste disposal stations do not regularly stock bags. Previously, SGA stated that they would attend to the issue. In response, SGA stated that Facilities is supposed to be stocking the stations.

Regent Adams asked if SGA, or students otherwise, had been approached by VP for Marketing and Branding Hesterberg (or anyone), for input to revise the current MSU website. Noted was that more than \$500,000 is targeted from one-time COVID relief funds to revise the website for “marketing/recruiting/web redesign.” It was confirmed that SGA has not been approached by anyone regarding website, marketing MSU, or recruiting students to MSU.

New Business -No New Business

Next regular meeting March 18, 2021 via Webex

Adjournment: 5:00pm

